Title and preamble were put and carried.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer).*—I move that the Bill may be finally passed to-morrow.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—I second it.

Motion was put and carried.

The Cochin Co-operative Societies Bill.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies).*—I beg to move that the Cochin Co-operative Societies Bill be read in Council.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer).*—I second it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancherri).*—May I know whether this is going to be referred to a Select Committee?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—It will be in accordance with the sense of the House.

Motion was put and carried.

Secretary to the Council.—The title of the Bill is "The Cochin Co-operative Societies Bill."

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies).*—Sir, the first attempt to amend the Co-operative Societies Regulation IV of 1088 was made in 1106 and for more than six years this Bill has been pending. Once it was brought before this Council and my predecessor in office was nominated as a special member. At that time the Hon'ble Member for Kunnamkulam moved a resolution to bring in some expert to have an enquiry into the movement and subsequently before this Bill was passed it was referred to the expert Mr. Devadhar. By this time the Co-operative Acts in almost all the provinces of India and in the States have been amended and Cochin lags far behind. There is also a lot of confusion on account of the defects in the law. As the measure is urgently required I beg to move that the Bill may be taken into consideration forthwith.

Deputy President.—Government is not moving for a Select Committee.

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Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Pazhayannur).*—I move that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—I second it.

Motion was put and carried.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies).*—The Select Committee may consist of the Diwan Peishkar, The Government Advocate, Mr. A. Narayana Menon, Mr. K. Ayyappan, Mr. T. C. Iyyukkutty, Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen and the Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—I propose the name of Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar also.

Motion was put and carried.

Deputy President.—The committee will report within two months and the Diwan Peishkar will be the Chairman.

Amendment to S. O. Nos. 31 and 32 of the Council.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer).*—I beg to move the following amendments to Standing Orders 31 and 32:—

"1. Delete clause (4) of Standing Order 31 and substitute for it the following:—

'(4) (a). The Member in charge or any other Member may then immediately move

(1) that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee composed of such Members as he may specify in his motion; or

(2) that it be circulated for the purpose of eliciting opinion thereon by a date to be specified in the motion.

(b) If any Member moves that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee, any other Member may move as an amendment that the Bill be circulated for the purpose of eliciting opinion thereon by a date to be specified in the motion.' "

2. Delete clause (5) of S. O. No. 31 and introduce the following as clause (5) of that Standing Order:—

"(5). If the Council agrees to the motion for referring the Bill to a Select Committee it shall appoint the Committee and may direct that its report shall be submitted within a specified period. The Committee shall not as a rule exceed seven in number."

3. Introduce the following as clause (6) after clause (5) in S. O. No. 31:—

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